Overseas *Cargo (Imports & Exports) Handled at Indian Ports during the Last Three Years*

(000 Tonnes)

	Imports (Unloaded)			Exports (Loaded)		
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04(P)	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04(P)
Major Ports	130117	133829	148130	76774	93522	110658
	(6111)	(10256)	(11694)	(6784)	(12757)	(13751)
Non-Major Ports	49175	50846	56341	19762	27162	31178
TOTAL	179292	184675	204471	96536	120684	141836

(P) Provisional

NOTE Figures in paranthesis indicate traffic at privately operated container terminals for which information has been received.

SOURCE: Major Ports/Non-Major Ports/Maritime States/State Maritime Boards.

Road Tenders and Contracts

2613. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(d) whether it is a fact that the NHAI had given road contracts during 2002-03,2003-04 based on non-commercial reasons to various private contractors;

(b) whether it is also a fact that tenders and contracts were made in such a way that only some contractors could bid for them;

(c) whether NHAI objected to such plans which lead to a monopolistic situation;

(d) the steps that are proposed by NHAI to examine and indentify the main beneficiaries of contracts which were engineered to benefit a few selected contractors; and

(e) the steps proposed to identify and black list such contractors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Modernising of office of DG-Shipping

2614. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort is being made to modernise the office of the Director General of Shipping;

(b) whether it is a fact that the same systems are in place as fifty years ago;

(c) whether Government have done any study on how to convert the office of DG (Shipping) from a purely regulatory body into one which is also development-oriented;

(d) the steps that would be taken to open up the office and simplify the rules and procedures; and

(e) the details of steps proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The office of Director General of Shipping has undergone change to keep pace with the development in maritime sector.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) the following steps have been taken to open up office of DG (Shipping) and relax/simplify the rules and procedures:—

(i) Relaxation in provisions of 407(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 allowing movement of containers by foreign ships between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (NJPT), Mumbai to any other port in India or *vice-versa* and development of cruise shipping industry in India;

(ii) 50% fee concession and age relaxation allowed for women in maritime training;